

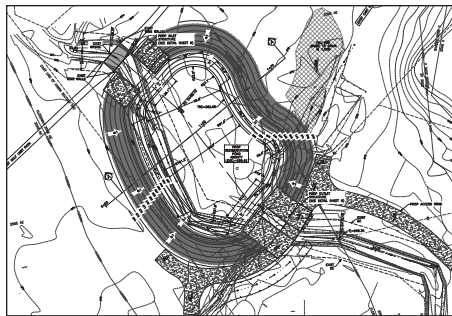


Long awaited sedimentation pond to be built on 23rd fairway

After a wait of more than five years, we finally have approval and FEMA funding to begin construction of a sediment retention pond on Stewart Creek that will prevent silt from collecting in Lake Panorama. The \$220,000 project will be paid 90% by FEMA and 10% by Panorama Village.

The project will create a natural looking 100 x150 foot pond spanning the 23rd fairway next to the existing cart path and bridge. It will include a concrete access road from Indian Wells to allow trucks and excavation equipment to remove sediment as needed several times a year. This sediment would otherwise continue down Stewart Creek and deposit into Lake Panorama, as it has historically done.

Lake Panorama was dredged in 2015 at a cost of almost \$1 million, and after less than six months was filling up again with silt due to several catastrophic storms. One of Mayor Scott's first initiatives when he was elected in May 2016 was to convince FEMA and the Army Corps of



Engineers to allow and fund a retention pond to prevent this from happening again in the future. It took many hours and dozens of meetings with government

officials, but finally the project was given the green light late last year.

This pond will also help keep a normal supply of water in Lake Panorama to water the golf course during summer months. In 2012 we were down to an estimated five day supply due to low water levels and silt buildup. We will be able to use the highly desirable silt from the retention pond for golf course maintenance or sell it to landscaping firms.

A construction contract has been awarded to Rebel Contracting and work is expected to begin mid-May. The project should take 2-3 months for completion.

Summer pool schedule announced

The Panorama swimming pool will open for weekend use beginning on May 15 and weekday use beginning May 29. Hours are shown in the box below.

Armbands or Day Passes will be required for entry. The season pass armbands, which can ONLY be purchased at City Hall, are \$55 for the first one and \$40 for each additional band. Non-residents can buy armbands for \$75 each. Family of Four armbands for Panorama residents can be purchased for \$150. Armbands must be worn at all times

-- no exceptions. If lost, replacement armbands can be purchased for \$50.

Day Passes can be purchased at the Pro Shop for \$5 per day. Lifeguards will check for armbands at Safety Breaks. If you do not have an armband, you must purchase a Day Pass or exit the pool. Due to COVID-19 protocols, the City will not be furnishing pool furniture this year. Please bring your own chairs. Ten minute Safety breaks are required each hour this year. You must exit the pool during these designated breaks.

Pool Hours

Saturday 10:00 am to 8:00 pm

Sunday 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Tuesday - Friday 10:00 am to 8:00 pm

During June, the pool will be open until 10:00 pm on Friday and Saturday

The pool will be closed every Monday

Memorial Day open 10:00 am to 8:00 pm

July Fourth open 10:00 am to 8:00 pm
FREE SWIM DAY

Labor Day open 10:00 am to 8:00 pm

ON THE TEE BOX *With Ruthie McGrath*

Now that the weather is better and you have had your vaccination you may be thinking of some golf travel. Bob and Ann Chernosky have traveled for many years to the Myrtle Beach, South Carolina area to enjoy the golf there. Ann owned a dance studio in Houston and attended a Dance Teacher Convention in Myrtle Beach about thirty years ago and Bob fell in love with all the many golf courses in the area. Since then they have gone most years.

The Myrtle Beach area is known for its celebrity-designed golf courses, excellent seafood restaurants, outlet shopping, and access to the Atlantic Ocean. After staying at numerous resorts they have settled on Pawleys Plantation Golf and Country Club on Pawleys Island on the south side of Myrtle Beach as the place they like best.

They have a golf package that includes a condo and golf right on the course and takes pets. Within two or three miles there are five grocery stores which makes it nice as they like to eat in many of their meals since they usually stay a month. Bob says the gated resort has a beautiful course with a marsh and ocean view layout and undulating greens. Ann mentioned the grounds are well-kept and there are bridges on the cart paths that go over to water holes. There is

also a Golf School available, as many of the resorts have them.

In the past Bob has played in the Myrtle Beach World Amateur Handicap Tournament. It is 72 holes of net, stroke tournament play on a different course each of the four days. Over 3,000 golfers are expected this year. Your entry also includes nightly access to the World's Largest 19th Hole for the player and one guest. The 19th Hole offers free food and drinks, celebrity guest speakers, a golf expo, and entertainment each night including dancing.

Personalities you may see this year are Charlie Rymer, Hank Haney, Paige Spiranac, Michael Breed, Damon Hack, Chantel McCabe, Teryn Gregson, Katrek and Maginnes, and Geoff Shackelford. Check out the website video that has John Daly singing on Karaoke Night!

This year Bob and Ann will play in the Santini Couples Open, September 5 and 6. It's a two person best ball tournament.

Not only do Bob and Ann play golf while in Myrtle Beach but also attend the Minor League Myrtle Beach Pelicans baseball games. The team is an affiliate of the Chicago Cubs and Ann says it's a lot of fun to watch a game at the stadium that seats 6,599.



Thanks to Bob and Ann for sharing their love for Myrtle Beach.

May 7 PLA luncheon to feature wit of Erma Bombeck

The May 7th luncheon of the Panorama Ladies Association will feature the acclaimed actress Carolyn Wong in character as nationally syndicated columnist Erma Bombeck.

Wong will present a 30-minute selection of humorous anecdotes and quotes from Bombeck's column, "At Wit's End."

Carolyn served as Artistic Director of the Crighton Theatre for 12 years, and will be starring in an upcoming production on the life and humor of Bombeck June 25-27 at the Crighton. Proceeds from the show will benefit the Polycystic Kidney Disease Foundation. Bombeck died in 1996 from complications caused by PKD.

For reservations, please call Jeanie Jackson at 936-890-2670. Check-in is at 10:30 followed by the program and lunch.



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